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What's On the Library Shelves?

Encyclopedia of Law Enforcement, a three-volume specialty encyclopedia edited by Larry Sullivan, brings together a multitude of topics relevant to law enforcement to meet the needs of the professional, the student, and the person on the street. Over 550 topics are presented by over 300 specialists in the areas covered. Each volume includes a list of entries, a Reader's Guide (listed by topic), master bibliography, master index, and much more. Volume 1 covers state and local law enforcement, volume 2 follows federal law enforcement, and the third volume looks at the international scene. Many articles include a list of further readings and you'll find lots of maps to enhance the presented text. You can find this source on the **Reference** shelves. (**REF. 363.2 ENC**)

Introduction to Crime Analysis: Basic Resources for Criminal Justice Practice, authored by Deborah Osborne and Susan Wernicke, is a practical guide for those law enforcement professionals involved in analyzing crime. The first chapter is devoted to an explanation of crime analysis and the basic types of crime analysis. The book goes on to explore the tools of crime analysis, the stages of crime analysis, crime mapping, how to create a crime analysis unit, and provides a list of agencies, publications, and Internet sites that might be helpful in the process of crime analysis. This book is a comprehensive and current look at an important topic in law enforcement. (**363.25 OSB**)

More Laws of Maryland

The library has recently received volume VI Laws of Maryland 2007 Advance Sheets. You may recall that in the last newsletter issue, I mentioned that we had received volumes I-V and that these are located in the area with other Legal Reference materials.

Carroll County Times

Remember that the daily paper is at the library circulation desk. I would just ask that if you borrow any issue during your lunch or a work break, please return it when you have finished reading it. The policy is to keep one week's worth of issues (Thursday-Wednesday) before they go in the recycle box.

Now Available

Recently acquired in the library is Enhancing Bicycle Safety: Law Enforcement's Role: an Interactive Training for Law Enforcement Officers. This self-paced program targets all law enforcement officers with the thought that most have not received bicycle safety training. This training incorporates seven content sections with videos as well as a final evaluation. Those participating in this two hour training are eligible for continuing education or in-service credit units. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is responsible for this training. Stop by the circulation desk if you are interested in borrowing our newest audiovisual acquisition.

Tell Me What You Want

With the start of a new fiscal year, thoughts turn to purchase considerations in the library. You are the experts in your areas of interest and your recommendations will help to grow a library of print and non-print resources that truly reflect the needs and focus of our organization. Please send me your ideas or consider scheduling a time to meet with me to discuss these in person.

CD-DVD Listing

The CD-DVD listing has been reformatted and is available on the shared ("X") drive and at the circulation desk. There are two main changes that have been made to simplify things for our users. 1) The two parts have now been integrated into one but are still distinguished by what is listed in the **Series** column. 2) The CDs are organized alphabetically by a general subject (e.g., the first CD has, as its subject, **Alcohol in the body-Testing**) and within the same subject, alphabetically by title. If you have any questions about our CD-DVD collection, please don't hesitate to call me.

Technology in the Library

The software and hardware have been purchased and loaded. With time and lots of person-hours into the future, our library collection will go online and all here will be able to search the collection holdings from the convenience of an Internet connection.

The acquisition of Surpass Software will allow our library to maintain the collection electronically, will allow for electronic checkout of materials, and will, in general, permit better monitoring of all materials that comprise the library collection.

Have Fun for a Good Cause

Random House will sponsor a Book Fair at Carroll Community College on Saturday, November 10, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m., to benefit Carroll Community College Student Scholarships. New books will be discounted 20%; there will be guest authors, book signings, food, and entertainment. It sounds like an event you won't want to miss! Put the date on your calendars now and watch for further reminders in future communications.

Time Flies...

With this issue, I begin *Volume Two* of my library newsletter. This coincides (almost) with the start of my second year here at MPCTC. I hope that this newsletter has been helpful and informative. If there are suggestions that you have to make it better, please let me know. If there are things that you would like to see in our library, please let me know that too.

Some Other New Arrivals

A new arrival to our book collection is Real World Search & Seizure: a Street Handbook for Law Enforcement by Matthew J. Medina. In brief, this small volume is a guide that answers specific search and seizure questions arising in everyday law enforcement. This book may be highlighted in future issues of this newsletter but until then, you can find the book on the shelves at **345.73 MED**.

Published by the Drivers License Guide Company, the 2006 Drivers License Guide (for the U.S. and Canada) has been received and added into our **Report Index**. The inside front cover provides an explanation for using this guide. You can request this item at the library circulation desk.

Juvenile Offenders and Victims: 2006 National Report, from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, presents a thorough assessment of juvenile crime across the country. This too has been added to our **Report Index**.

What Does It Mean?

If you've wandered into the library and looked at the books on the shelves, you might have wondered what all of those stickers on the spine labels mean.

The red and white sticker that says "**REFERENCE**" is a designation for those books or sets of books that are important enough to keep in the library without allowing them to be checked out. Such things as an encyclopedia, a set of books on a specialized subject (e.g., American justice), or legal materials (e.g., Maryland Criminal Law Annotated) are in the process of being labeled accordingly.

A plain white spine label is on every book in the library that has been processed and designates where on the shelf that book lives. Even books with a "**REFERENCE**" sticker also have the standard spine label. The book is assigned a category based on its predominant subject matter

and then it receives an alphanumeric designation. The Encyclopedia of Law Enforcement, discussed in the very first paragraph of this newsletter, is designated as **REF. 363.2 ENC**. The "**REF**" tells you that the book is a "**REFERENCE**" book and can only be used in the library. **363.2** is the number assigned to materials that focus on the subject of **law enforcement**, and the "**ENC**" is used to further identify the book and distinguish it from other books that may be in the same category, in this case the first three letters of the title of the work.

I hope this bit of Library Science 101 helps to clarify what the labels and the designations mean. Hopefully you will soon receive a library policy that gives you more in-depth information about the library and its operation.

If you have any other questions, don't hesitate to ask.

Uniform Crime Report

For your reading pleasure, we have the following State of Maryland Uniform Crime Report items that have recently been acquired in the library. The Carjacking Preliminary Report covering January-March 2007 is now in our collection as is the Preliminary Report for the same time period. Both were released on July 23, 2007.

These Just In

Four new DVDs were donated to us by Story House Productions as a thank-you for using our Driver Training Facility. These DVDs, about terrorism and homeland security, include Al Qaeda 2.0, Countdown to Ground Zero, Assignment: IEDs, and The Cole Conspiracy, and they are housed at the circulation desk.

Al Qaeda 2.0 is a look at the organization in 2003, two years after the horrors of 9/11. Author Peter Bergen explores the threat posed by Al Qaeda and how effective U.S. military campaigns are against the group. The conclusions he draws are not comforting to us post 9/11.

Countdown to Ground Zero has been nominated for a News & Documentary Emmy by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences and was produced for airing on the History Channel.

Mission Ops: Assignment IEDs explores the threat that Improvised Explosive Devices pose and presents credible scenarios for what might happen as well as how these IEDs have been used previously. Counter-terrorism specialists present current and future means for staying ahead of this terrorist weapon.

The Cole Conspiracy recounts the attack on the SS Cole off the coast of Yemen, perpetrated by Al Qaeda in October 2000. This program also reveals the magnitude of the Al Qaeda network and its continued potential to do harm to the U.S.

These items may be checked out or can be viewed in the library on one of our DVD/VHS viewers.

Enjoy the last full month of summer!